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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friedman (6,675,353) and further in view of the applicant's choice of specific programming instructions stored on the storage device. Initially the applicant should note the claim 21 is considered the appropriate apparatus version of the claims in order to provide hardware support for the functions to tie it to the specific apparatus. In claim 9, the only hardware components (the type of components required to define a new apparatus) appear to be the storage unit and the processor. The remainder of the applicant's desired components appear to focus on what the storage unit is designed to store. It appears that the applicant may have intended to claim a computer program product with a storage medium comprising the functions of reading, parsing, recognizing, etc.

However, the apparatus is considered taught by Friedman's fig. 3 with its processing unit (132) and storage units (144, 146, and 150). Again, the only difference is the programming instructions stored on the storage unit and what the instructions are designed to do. The specific instructions and their desired functionality is considered a choice of design and therefore, since nothing in Friedman's reference prevents those specific functions to be stored on the storage units provided, then Friedman's system is

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also considered to be capable of being designed to store the applicant's functions.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to enable Friedman's system (storage unit and processor) with desired features to enable functionality equivalent to the applicant's functions to specific functions to be identified, instantiated and evaluated to enable the system to have the capability of referencing functions of an executable namespace.

The dependent claims (12-20) are not considered to provide hardware components above and beyond that provided in independent claim 11 and therefore, are rejected for the same reasons as its parent claim.

3. Claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Chavis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3720. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00am-5:30pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Chavis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Chavis" clearly distinguishable.

John Chavis
Primary Examiner AU-2193